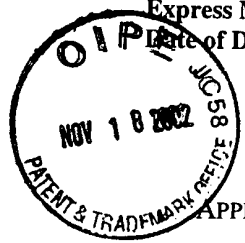


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1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), in duplicate;
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